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## RUMOR VON BERNSTORFF TO LEAVE

### RUMOR NEW HOTEL HERE, BACKED BY ST. FRANCIS FOLK

Manager James Woods Will  
Arrive Next Month; Reported  
to Look Over Situation

### HOSTELRY WOULD BE "BUILT FOR HAWAII"

Interests Said to Have Fairly  
Definite Plans for Charac-  
ter of Construction

Tentative plans are afoot for a new tropical hotel in this city, probably at Waikiki beach, backed by San Francisco capital, according to the definite statement brought from San Francisco by Honoluluans recently returning.

The St. Francis hotel interests, in which the Crocker millions predominate, are understood to be behind the plans. James Woods, manager of the St. Francis, will arrive here within a few days, and while he says that his trip is for a vacation, taken because he has long wanted to come to Hawaii, the tip is out that he will look over the ground with a view to recommending the erection of a modern hotel built particularly for the Hawaiian climate.

Woods will be accompanied by Chief of Police White of San Francisco, a personal friend. Woods is a police commissioner of the Bay City.

Alva B. Wilson, assistant manager of the hotel, has fairly definite plans in mind for a hotel such as is said to be contemplated here. It is understood that the St. Francis people had given some consideration to the Seaside hotel premises, but the recent action of the Territorial Hotel Company in getting control here has put this out of the question.

The rumors that have been current for years concerning the possible disposal of the Irwin and Castle residence sites at Waikiki has now been revived, also the reports that the George Beckley premises may be considered, but there have been so many reports of this nature that local businessmen are inclined to be skeptical of action.

### CHINA BESTOWS DECORATION FOR AID TO SUBJECTS

Consul Rodiek and Secretary  
Schroeder Helped Send Home  
Crews of Refugee Ships

Services on behalf of Chinese subjects left in Honolulu by hundreds when the German refugee steamers sought haven here to avoid the Allies' sea-patrol have won for Consul Georg F. Rodiek a decoration by the Chinese government.

The Star-Bulletin yesterday published the story that the Peking newspaper Sun Ten Shipo carried the news of Consul Rodiek's decoration by President Yuan Shih-Kai. No clue was given as to the kind of services the German consul in Hawaii had rendered, and when the Star-Bulletin asked the consul about the matter, he said: "It's news to me."

So it was, in fact. It was to have been kept for a surprise, the Star-Bulletin learned today, until the time when the decoration itself should have arrived.

Three other decorations are also on their way. One is for Consul Rodiek's secretary, H. A. Schroeder, and the other two are for Li Kwang Heng, Chinese vice consul, and Wang Kan of the consular staff. Mr. Schroeder receives a sixth-grade decoration, as does Elve Consul Li Kwang Heng, while Mr. Wang Kan receives a seventh-grade order. Consul Rodiek's order is of the fourth grade.

In the fall and winter of 1914 more than 300 Chinese were put ashore in Honolulu when the German steamships fled here for refuge. Many of them came from the Chinese coast or south seas, where the Chinese were shipped.

Put ashore here there was considerable difficulty in arranging for their passage home. They were neutrals and entitled to go back to China. In straightening out the difficulty, Consul Rodiek and Mr. Tsz-ang Woonhan, the Chinese consul, worked for many weeks and the crews were sent back in a number of shipments.

When Dr. Wellington Koo, the new Chinese minister to Washington, passed through here, he asked Consul Woonhan concerning the handling of this problem of the Chinese subjects and was told of Consul Rodiek's work. It is presumed that he sent from Washington to Peking an account of the matter, and that this led to the decorations.

President Yuan conferred similar decorations upon French, British and Dutch officials for their services in aiding Chinese from various posses-

### NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

Following are the closing prices of stocks on the New York market today, sent by the Associated Press over the Federal Wireless:

	Today	Yesterday
Alaska Gold	22 3/4	22 3/4
American Smelter	100 1/2	101
American Sugar Rfg.	112 1/2	112 3/4
American Tel. & Tel.	129 3/8	129 3/8
Anaconda Copper	85 1/2	85 1/2
Atchafalpa	106 1/2	106 1/2
Baldwin Loco.	90 1/2	88 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	92 1/4	93 1/4
Bethlehem Steel	44 1/2	43 1/2
Calif. Petroleum	22 3/4	22 3/4
Canadian Pacific	180	180 3/4
C. M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	99	100 1/4
Colo. Fuel & Iron	41 1/2	44
Crescent Steel	83 1/2	83 1/2
Eric Common	39	40
General Electric	172	172 1/2
General Motors	520	515
Great Northern Pfd.	122	127 1/2
Inter. Harv. N. J.	111 1/4	111 1/4
Kennecott Copper	55 1/2	55 1/2
Lehigh R. R.	79 1/2	81 1/4
New York Central	106 1/2	107
Pennsylvania	58	58 1/2
Ray Consol.	23 1/2	23 1/2
Southern Pacific	100 1/2	101
Studebaker	141 1/2	143 1/2
Tennessee Copper	46	47
Union Pacific	140 1/4	141 1/2
U. S. Steel	85	85
U. S. Steel Pfd.	117	117
Utah	81	80 3/4
Western Union	95	94 3/4
Westinghouse	63	62

\*Bid. \*Ex-dividend. †Unquoted.

### SEEK TO EJECT WAIALUA FROM HUGE ACREAGE

Agricultural Company Defend-  
ant in Action Begun By  
Bishop Estate Trustees

Action to eject the Waiialua Agricultural Company from 14,685 acres of land situated at Kawaihoa, this island, was begun today with the filing in circuit court of a suit in ejectment by the trustees under the will of the late Bernice Pauahi Bishop.

The trustees, plaintiffs in the case, are W. O. Smith, S. M. Damon, E. F. Bishop, A. P. Judd and A. W. Carter, the action having been instituted for them by the law firm of Holmes & Olson.

It is alleged in the complaint that the plaintiffs are the owners in fee simple of 14,685 acres of land at Kawaihoa, now leased to the Waiialua Agricultural Company for a long term of years. The action is based on an allegation of breach of covenant by the agricultural company.

Under the terms of the lease, it is understood, the plantation was to cultivate the land in question to its utmost degree of productiveness, and also to its utmost acreage. It is the contention of the trustees of the Bishop Estate that the agricultural company has failed to live up to this provision, and that a large portion of the land in question now remains uncultivated or not highly cultivated.

The complaint alleges "that the plaintiffs claim the right of immediate possession of and title in fee simple to the piece or parcel of land above described by purchase; to wit, by devise under the will of the said Bernice Pauahi Bishop."

Continuing, the complaint alleges "that the defendant herein has unjustly and contrary to the law and the rights of the plaintiffs herein, entered into possession and occupancy of the said parcel of land."

It is understood that the lease in question has yet approximately 20 years to run. According to an attorney sent for the plaintiffs, the trustees contend that from the outset of the lease the agricultural company has failed to cultivate certain portions of the land in question in the manner covenanted and that certain other portions have been left unused.

The trustees, in concluding their complaint, pray for restitution of the land with costs.

The Manual of Hawaiian Securities shows that the Waiialua Agricultural Company has 37,783 acres of leased land and 4017 of fee simple land. Of the leased land 82 1/2 acres are described as "cane land" and 29,510 as "pasture, etc."

No other plant gives such a quantity of food to the acre as the banana, which is 40 times more than that of the potato and 133 times more than that of wheat.

### STABLES DESTROYED IN FIRE; BABY, THOUGHT MISSING, SAFE

"Double Alarm" Sent Out to Bring Motor-Trucks to Kewalo District in Time to Prevent Spread of Flames and Possible Conflagration—Horses Led From Stalls—Department Handicapped By Lack of Water

In a fire which broke out within the Union Pacific Transfer Stables on Queen street this morning about 10:30 O'clock the stables themselves, the cottage of John Correa, who is employed by the company, and wagon sheds and small buildings in the stable yard were totally destroyed.

If there had been sufficient water in the mains in that vicinity when the fire department arrived a large part of the property would have been saved, according to E. A. Jacobsen, one of the proprietors. Chief Thurston did not deny this. Mr. Jacobsen said the department engines arrived in record time but found no water to work with.

"When we first connected our hose at the hydrants we found practically no water," declared the chief. "It was several minutes before I could notify the water department to throw on some pressure. All this time the flames were blazing fiercely with nothing whatever to check them."

During the whole fire the chief said he did not have sufficient pressure to fight the flames. Three hoses were running at first but there was not enough water for the trio and one was taken off.

Besides Mr. Jacobsen, C. A. Raven, new on the coast, and John T. Wirud are interested in the business.

Four horses which were released before the flames spread dashed to liberty and safety.

Edward A. Jacobsen, who is president and manager of the transfer company, placed the loss in a rough estimate at the scene of the fire to day at between \$8000 and \$9000. This was soon after the fire broke out. Chief Thurston put the loss at about \$1000. "All of the horses in the barn were saved, but several wagons and a large quantity of hay went up in flames."

Correa's loss is complete. His house, furniture, everything he owned is gone. "This is all I have left," he exclaimed in a broken voice today, pointing to the working clothes which he wore.

Boy Found Safe.

Yet Correa's wife and her four-year-old boy, who is alive, is believed for a time this morning that he had perished in the house.

Mrs. Correa was busy washing in the rear of the cottage, which stood alongside the stables. The last she saw of the boy before the fire started he was at play within the cottage. He was not located until after the fire had been put out by the city engines, and in the long hour that the firemen fought the flames his parents were frantic with fear and dread of his loss.

### ELECTION UPON BOND ISSUE IS PLAN SUGGESTED

Possibly the board of supervisors may decide not to wait for legislative primaries in September for submitting the municipal loan proposition to the voters.

At an informal conference between the mayor and Supervisors Logan and Hatch of the finance committee at the city hall today noon it was agreed that the public interests would be served by holding a special election on the bond question. Between two and three months' time would thus be saved, which was felt to be an important matter, since, before an affirmative vote of the people can be given effect the matter will have to be presented to the president of the United States for his approval.

This view of the matter will be put before the board of supervisors at the adjourned meeting Friday night. (Additional details upon proposed bond issue on Page 2 today.)

### JAPANESE WOMEN WILL USE EFFORTS FOR PEACE

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji).

TOKIO, Japan, May 24.—A meeting of the Patriotic Women's Association of Japan was held yesterday at Hi-biya park in Tokio. The empress was present at the meeting to greet the delegates from all sections of Japan. Princess Kan-in was elected honorary president. The association plans to work for peace and the preservation of Japanese ideals.

One of the prominent nationalists of Honolulu has received word from a friend in Shanghai telling of the many incidents of the warfare in that country. He says that the Yunnan troops are brave men, and in their campaigns have gained many friends, while some of Yuan Shih-Kai's troops have robbed and plundered the populace.

### NEW FRENCH MINISTER OF WAR GIVEN CREDIT FOR GREAT FORESIGHT



Gen. Roques, the new French minister of war, is said to be one of the best informed military men of France, one of the greatest strategists of Europe and with an uncanny ability to foresee the enemy's movements. Much of the French defense at Verdun is laid to his work.

### NEW LAVA FLOW REPORTED TODAY FROM SAME VENT

North Fork Stream Stopped  
Mile and a Half From Hono-  
malina; Honoluluans Sleep  
Beside Still Hot Rocks; Sign  
of New Activity

(Star-Bulletin Special by Mutual Wireless).

HILO, T. H., May 24.—One and one-half miles from the government belt road at Honomalina, the lava flow from Mauna Loa has stopped.

The north fork of the three streams slowed up and halted after coming down from the 7000-foot level. People have been on the flow and it is still hot.

It is reported this morning that there are signs of further activity up the mountain. This may mean a new flow. Otherwise the excitement is finished for the present.

J. W. Waldron, Thornton Hardy of Honolulu, accompanied by Tom Martin, Hawaiian, went to the 6500-foot level and saw the fountains of lava playing from the new vent. They slept all night alongside the south flow, which had stopped.

A fresh flow is reported at 9 o'clock this morning from the same outbreak, and it is now flowing toward Papa.

### MAJORITY VOTE IN COMMITTEE FOR BRANDEIS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless).

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.—By a vote of 10 to 8 the senate judiciary committee voted today to report favorably the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis as supreme court justice. The committee and its sub-committee have held many hearings, owing to the charges involving Brandeis' fitness.

The vote today was on strict party lines. All the Democrats voted to approve the nomination; the Republicans voting against it.

### BEHEAD WOMAN IN BERLIN FOR TRIPLE MURDER

BERLIN, Germany, May 24.—Henrietta Holstein was beheaded today for the murder of her husband, daughter and stepson.

Heavy damages have been caused by floods that inundated Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Philippine legislature has authorized a campaign to increase exports of Philippine tobacco. Two agents are to be sent to the United States.

### WASHINGTON SKEPTICAL ABOUT STORY THAT VON BUELOW WILL ARRIVE ON SPECIAL MISSION

FORMER CHANCELLOR FREQUENTLY REFERRED TO AS  
MAN WHO MIGHT BE SELECTED FOR PRELIMINARY  
PEACE NEGOTIATIONS—VERDUN BATTLE REDOUBLES  
VIOLENCE—SLAUGHTER HORRIBLE

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, Eng., May 24.—That Prince von Buelow, former chancellor and later ambassador at Rome, is proceeding to Washington on a special mission from the Kaiser, is the announcement given out today by the Exchange Telegraph Agency. The news service says that diplomatic circles are authority for the statement, and that von Buelow will succeed Count J. H. von Bernstorff, now German ambassador at Washington.

(Note:—Prince von Buelow has frequently been referred to as the man who might be selected by the Kaiser to conduct preliminary peace negotiations on behalf of Germany should they be undertaken.)

### Washington Doubts Von Buelow Story

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.—State department officials heard with interest but with skeptical attitude the story that Prince von Buelow is coming to Washington on a special mission from the Kaiser. They doubt the accuracy of the story. No reason is given for a possible contemplation of displacing von Bernstorff and naming the former chancellor to take his place.

### Sinn Fein President Tried, Found Guilty

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless).

DUBLIN, Ireland, May 24.—The John MacNeill, president of the Sinn Fein Society and charged with complicity in the Irish uprisings, has been court-martialed and found guilty. Sentence will be imposed in a few days.

### WANT SAFETY OF U. S. CITIZENS IN IRELAND TAKEN UP BY GOVERNMENT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless).

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.—The senate committee on foreign relations today recommended a favorable report on Senator John W. Kern's resolution directing Secretary Lansing to inquire regarding the safety of Americans in Ireland.

### GREEK STEAMER SUNK BY AUSTRIAN DIVER

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless).

TARRAGONA, Spain, May 24.—Twenty of the crew of the Greek steamer Istros arrived here today in life-boats. The Istros was sunk by an Austrian submarine.

### GERMAN OFFICIAL CABLEGRAMS

GERMAN HEADQUARTERS, May 23.—The English intention of counter-attacks southwest of Giverny in Gohelle was noticed. Small English advances in Roclecourt district were repulsed. In the district of Meuse fighting activity is especially lively, because of the enemy's attempts at counter attacks. Left of river, the Germans took a French blockhouse south of Camard forest. Hostile attacks east of helmet 304 and south of Mortomme failed.

Right of the river, violent infantry engagements are on the front and south of Thiaumont to Callette forest. French, after strong fire preparation, entered first German position, but were repulsed on flanks of sector by German counter attacks. South of the village and south of former Fort Douaumont, engagements are not yet finished. Fort Douaumont remained firmly in German hands. Northwest of Fort Vaux, which was occupied by the enemy, was conquered by us.

First and second French lines on the Combres height were destroyed by our blasting at considerable extension. On the Meuse heights, southeast of the Verdun near Vaux, Les Palameix and Secey, the enemy's attacks broke down principally in our curtain fire. Small detachments which had entered our trenches were annihilated. An enemy's aeroplane was shot down southwest of Vailly.

The east and Balkan fronts are generally unchanged.

### ASSASSINATION PLOTS BARED BY CONFESSION

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji).

TOKIO, Japan, May 24.—At the trial of the conspirators in connection with the Count Okuma plot field yesterday in Tokio, W. Fukuda, one of the leaders, confessed that he had planned against the life of Count

### SAY TEUTONS MAKING ATTACKS TO PREVENT CONCERTED ALLY MOVE

(Star-Bulletin Special by Mutual Wireless).

ROME, Italy, May 24.—Military experts here declare that the purpose of the Germans in launching their great attack at Verdun, and of the Austrians in taking and keeping the offensive on the Italian fronts, is to prevent an extended simultaneous attack of the Allies on all the German fronts.

This concerted plan, say the experts, was about ready to be started when the Teutons gathered their forces and took the offensive first.

### CUMIERES IS TAKEN BY GERMANS; STORMERS GET MORE THAN 300 ENEMY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless).

BERLIN, Germany, May 24.—The German soldiers took Cumieres, on the Verdun line, by storm today. More than 300 prisoners were captured in this operation.

Okuma and several noted men of Japan.

In his confession, Fukuda stated that a plot was laid to kill Prince Yamagata, one of the elder statesmen, Y. Mishima, a member of the house of lords, K. Ichika, minister of interior, who was responsible for the resignation of Count Nogai, Y. Ozaka, minister of justice, and others.